(e) yes, Sir.

(f) to (h) Reservation/dereservation of items is a continuous process and is being reviewed periodically by the Advisory Committee on Reservation constituted by the Government under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. This Committee meets at regular intervals and recommends to the Government items to be added to and deleted from the list.

Setting up of polystyrene unit by Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

3059. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government Undertaking viz. Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. propose to set up polystyrene unit;

(b) if so, details thereof with name of place identified for the purpose and amount to be spent on this project;

(c) whether the setting up of this unit would benefit the progress of country in any way;

(d) whether setting up of this unit would also benefit common consumer of polystyrene;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. is on the look out for setting up joint venture for products which will have a locational advantage. No particular product has been identified.

(b) to (f) Do not arise, in view of above.

Pollution control technology

3060. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has developed a pollution control technology for steel plants;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether any public or private sector steel plant have shown interest in the technology and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) BHEL has developed an Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) for controlling air pollution in Steel Plants. These ESPs can be used in Sinter, Dedusting, Sponge Iron Plants and also in Gas cleaning Equipments.

BHEL is supplying these ESPs for use in Rourkela Steel Plant and Bhilai Steel Plant in the Public Sector and M/s. Prakash Industries in the Private Sector.

Performance of BHEL

3061. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the performane of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited in 1996-97;

(b) the profits earned by them; and

(c) the outstanding order to be carried out and efforts made to bag fresh orders to earn foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The performance of BHEL and the profits earned by them during 1996-97 are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

ITEM	1995-96	1996-97 (Prov)*	Increase over 1995-96
Turnover	4833.5	5740	19%
Profit before tax	582.3	848	46%
Profit after tax	350.2	468	34%

*Subject to Audit

(c) The outstanding orders as on 31.3.97 are to the tune of Rs. 10,600 crore. BHEL has been competing and will continue to compete for Multilaterally Funded Projects for getting deemed export orders. It will also continue its efforts to get physical Export Orders for earning foreign exchange.